(c) All States / UTs including Andhra Pradesh are persuaded from time to time for more effective implementation of the programme and close monitoring is also done through Quarterly Progress Reports & review meetings.

Mandatory rainwater harvesting structures for urban constructions

458. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make rainwater harvesting structures mandatory for urban constructions in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Government has been requesting the State Governments/UTs from time to time to give high priority to water conservation measures and rain-water harvesting for replenishing ground water resources. State Governments have also been advised to make a beginning in the existing Government offices/buildings, housing complexes and to make it mandatory for all new buildings by amending the building bye-laws.

The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation issued a notification on 28.7.2001 for modification of the existing Building Bye-laws, 1983 of Delhi wherein water harvesting through storing of water run off including rain water in all new buildings on plots of 100 sq. mts. has been made mandatory.

Guidelines for regularization of unauthorised colonies in Delhi

†459. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines to regularize unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken any action, till date, to regularize the colonies which came into existence before 31st March, 1993; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.